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1. ATMOSPHERICS:

-- GOVERNMENT SUSPENDED FOR ONE YEAR MONTHLY MAGAZINE
TAIWAN POLITICAL REVIEW, WHICH HAD PUBLISHED ONLY FIVE
ISSUES SINCE LAST AUGUST, FOR CARRYING ARTICLE WHICH
DISCUSSED IDEA OF REVOLUTION OR UNION WITH MAINLAND REGIME.
GROUP OF 35 LEGISLATORS SIMULTANEOUSLY URGED GOVERNMENT
CLAMPDOWN ON VIEWS THAT OVERSTEP PROVISIONS OF LAW AND
ALLEGEDLY PROVIDE GRIST FOR PEKING UNITED FRONT TACTICS
AND OTHER SUBVERSIVE PLOTS. ARTICLE WHICH APPARENTLY
TRIGGERED ACTION APPEARED IN DECEMBER 1975 ISSUE,
WRITTEN BY PROFESSOR CHIU CHUI-LIANG OF QUEENSLAND
UNIVERSITY IN AUSTRALIA.

-- MEANWHILE, PREMIER CHIANG CHING-KUO WAS QUOTED BY
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THE MEDIA AS TELLING TAIWAN PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT

OFFICIALS TO REMAIN ALERT AGAINST COMMUNIST EFFORTS TO UNDERMINE INTERNAL UNITY. ACCORDING ENGLISH-LANGUAGE CHINA NEWS HE SAID: "THE COMMUNISTS HAVE TRIED IN VAIN TO HARASS US DIPLOMATICALLY AND TO THREATEN US MILITARILY. FROM NOW ON WE MUST BE PARTICULARLY ON GUARD AGAINST CHINESE COMMUNIST DIVISIVE TACTICS AND INFILTRATION AIMING AT UNDERCUTTING OUR INTERNAL UNITY."

-- KMT'S OFFICIAL CENTRAL DAILY NEWS (270,000), COMMENTING ON TAIWAN POLITICAL REVIEW CASE, SAID: "FOR THE SAKE OF NATIONAL SECURITY AND SOCIAL ORDER, THE GOVERNMENT SHOULD NOT APPEASE AND THE PEOPLE SHOULD NOT TOLERATE ANYONE WHO ABUSES FREEDOM BECAUSE SUCH AN ACT WOULD ADVERTENTLY AND INADVERTENTLY HELP THE ENEMY."

-- IN RASH OF NEW YEAR EDITORIALS MULLING TAIWAN'S PROSPECTS, LEADING PAPERS INCLUDING THE LARGEST-CIRCULATION UNITED DAILY NEWS (380,000), INFLUENTIAL CHINA TIMES (350,000) AND OFFICIAL CENTRAL DAILY NEWS PREDICTED MORE ADVERSITIES AND DIFFICULTIES IN 1976. BUT THEY EXPRESSED OVERALL CONFIDENCE AND RESOLUTION SELF-RELIANCE WILL HANDLE ALL CHALLENGES AND RESULT IN AN EVEN MORE POTENT NATION, POLITICALLY, MILITARILY AND ECONOMICALLY. UNITED DAILY NEWS IN EDITORIAL ENTITLED "FIRST THING IN THE NEW YEAR IS TO STRENGTHEN ROC-U.S. RELATIONSHIPS," WARNED AGAINST ANY CHANGES OR BREAKTHROUGHS IN U.S.-PRC NORMALIZATION PROCESS, WHICH WOULD IN TURN AFFECT ROC-U.S. RELATIONSHIPS, AS WELL AS ROC TIMETABLE FOR MAINLAND RECOVERY. RECALLING NIXON'S 1972 CHINA VISIT, PAPER SAID SIMILAR SURPRISES ARE POSSIBLE GIVEN THE NATURE OF THE CHANGING U.S. POLITICAL SCENE. WHAT WE WANT, PAPER SAID, IS NOT U.S. GO TO WAR WITH THE PRC, BUT RATHER U.S. REFRAIN FROM RECOGNIZING THEM DIPLOMATICALLY. PAPER URGED STRONGER ROC RELATIONS WITH INTERNATIONAL MONETARY FUND AND WORLD BANK, INCREASED OPERATIONS BY ROC CONSULATES IN U.S., PROJECTS TO ATTRACT MORE U.S. INVESTMENT AND INCREASING TRADE AND PERSONAL EXCHANGES WITH U.S.

-- DISCUSSING U.S.-PRC RELATIONSHIPS, CHINA TIMES WASHINGTON CORRESPONDENT JACK CHOW SAID THERE IS INEVITABILITY INVOLVED
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IN BOTH U.S. NORMALIZATION EFFORTS WITH PRC AND THE MAINTAINING OF PRESENT U.S.-ROC RELATIONS. IF NORMALIZATION WITH THE PRC HAS INDEED WON SOME SUPPORT AMONG AMERICAN PEOPLE, URGE TO MAINTAIN U.S.-ROC RELATIONSHIPS HAS WON EQUAL SUPPORT AMONG GREAT MAJORITY OF AMERICANS. AND UNITED DAILY NEWS CARRIED COMMENTARY BY TU HENG-TSE OF TAICHUNG'S TUNG HAI UNIVERSITY NOTING PRC NORMALIZATION IS ADMITTED U.S. POLICY WHICH PRESIDENT FORD MUST FOLLOW

UNDER PRESENT CIRCUMSTANCES. HOWEVER, U.S.-PRC NORMALIZATION COULD ONLY BE "DE FACTO," NOT "DE JURE" AND THUS "DE JURE" U.S.-ROC RELATIONSHIPS CAN REMAIN UNCHANGED UNDER WELL-ESTABLISHED PRECEDENTS.

2. PROGRAM ACTIVITIES:

-- AN EXHIBIT OF LOW-PRICED BOOKS FOR BOTH ENGLISH LANGUAGE TEACHERS AND STUDENTS, SUGGESTED AND ORGANIZED BY USIS TAIPEI CULTURAL AFFAIRS ASSISTANT LAWRENCE HUNG, IS IN PROGRESS THIS WEEK IN TAIPEI. EXHIBIT, COMPOSED OF ENGLISH TEACHING FORUM, LADDER BOOKS, USIS HONG KONG BILINGUAL BOOKS, AND USIS TAIPEI-PRODUCED MATERIALS, WHICH OPENED AT USIS TAICHUNG LAST MONTHS, MOVED TO TAIPEI ON JANUARY 2 AND SO FAR APPROXIMATELY 3,000 PEOPLE HAVE BOUGHT ALMOST 2,000 BOOKS. VOA-PRODUCED "TALKS ON ENGLISH TEACHING," RECEIVED FROM RSC MANILA DURING WEEK, ADDED TO EXHIBIT IMMEDIATELY AND TOPPED ALL OTHER BOOKS FIRST DAY ON SALE WITH 160 COPIES SOLD.

TO SUPPORT EXHIBIT, LECTURE ON "ENGLISH TEACHING: APPROACH, METHOD AND TECHNIQUE," BY A PH.D.-HOLDER FROM TEXAS STATE UNIVERSITY, NATIONAL TAIWAN NORMAL UNIVERSITY PROFESSOR, DR. TANG TING-CHIH, WAS GIVEN IN THE LINCOLN CENTER DURING THE WEEK. AN OVERFLOW CROWD OF FOUR HUNDRED SARDINED THEMSELVES INTO 250-SEAT LINCOLN CENTER TO HEAR DOWN-TO-EARTH EXPLANATIONS OF HOW NEW THEORY CAN BE PUT TO USE BY THE ORDINARY TEACHER WHO LACKS PROFESSIONAL LINGUISTIC TRAINING.

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